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~~SECRET~~ SAVIN SECTION ONE OF FOUR 46T/7426 WEEKLY AIR DEFENSE WRAP 70. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SIGHT/COLLATERAL REFLECTIONS OF DRV AIR DEFENSE AND FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD 07 THRU 13 OCTOBER. SECTION ONE - HIGHLIGHTS. 1. ON 08 OCT, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BN WAS REFLECTED DISCUSSING AN ACFT DOWNED THE DAY BEFORE. THE SPEAKER WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE ANOTHER BN HAS ATTEMPTING TO GAIN CREDIT FOR THE VICTORY. ANALYSIS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THAT THE SPEAKER WAS LOCATED AT PHU NAM HAI (VN245), BELIEVED TO BE THE CURRENT LOCATION FOR VI439, AND THAT THE SECOND BN CLAIMING THE VICTORY WAS PROBABLY VI470 (VN002). SECTION TWO - FIGHTER ACTIVITY. 1. PHUC YEN: A TOTAL OF 80 MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AFLD AND AT LEAST 63 WERE FLOWN, INCLUDING FIVE BY SOVIET PILOTS. THIS IS A SHARP DECREASE FROM THE 96 THAT WERE FLOWN THE PREVIOUS WEEK. A. VIETNAMESE ACTIVITY. ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF INTERCEPT/ATTACK MISSIONS AGAINST USAF AND USN ACFT, DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO HOSTILE ACFT, GCI PRACTICE, INTERCEPT PRACTICE, A ROUND ROBIN FLIGHT TO HANOI GIA LAM AFLD, INTER FLIGHT TO HANOI GIA LAM AFLD AND UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, AND INTERCEPT ATTACK MISSIONS AGAINST USAF AND USN ACFT, GCI PRACTICE AND UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. DURING THE 07 OCT USAF PM STRIKES, WARHAWK FLIGHT (4 F105S) WAS ENGAGED BY TWO PHUC YEN BASED MIG 21S. WARHAWK LEAD WAS DAMAGED BY AN AAM AND ALTHOUGH WARHAWK WAS ABLE TO EXIT THE DRV, OPERATIONAL TROUBLES, PROBABLY A RESULT OF DAMAGE INFLECTED BY THE AAM, FORCED THE ACFT DOWN A FEW MILES NORTH OF DA NANG, RVN. DURING THE USAF PM STRIKES ON 09 OCT, VAMPIRE FLIGHT (4 F105S) WAS ATTACKED BY TWO PHUC YEN BASED MIG 21S. VAMPIRE FOUR WAS DOWNED BY AN AAM FIRED BY ONE OF THE MIG 21S. KORCOM ACTIVITY. BETWEEN 0024Z AND 0055Z, 12 OCT, FOUR KORCOM PILOTS, KEP BASED MIG 17S CONDUCTED A DEFENSIVE PATROL IN REACTION TO THE USAF STRIKE ON KEP AFLD. DUE TO EXTENSIVE BOMB DAMAGE TO KEP AFLD, THE KORCOM PILOTS RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN. C. SOVIET ACTIVITY. SOVIET FLIGHT ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF ZOOM CLIMBS AND TEST CHECK OUR FLIGHTS, ALL OCCURRING DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. D. AOB THIS AFLD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH 11 MIG 17 AND 13 MIG 21 ACFT. 2. HANOI GIA LAM A TOTAL OF 105 MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AFLD AND AT LEAST 46 WERE FLOWN. THIS COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH THE 55 THAT WERE FLOWN THE PREVIOUS WEEK. A. ALL SORTIES FLOWN FROM THIS AFLD INVOLVED VIETNAMESE PILOTS. ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO HOSTILE ACFT, AIR ATTACK PRACTICE, FORMATION PRACTICE AND UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY, ALL OCCURRING DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. ON 12 OCT, DURING THE 0900Z HOUR, A PHUC YEN BASED MIG 21 CONDUCTING A TOUCH AND GO LANDING AT HANOI GIA LAM AFLD, BLEW A TIRE AND HAD TO REMAIN AT THIS AFLD. THIS WAS ONE OF TWO MIG 21S CONDUCTING CIRCUITS AND LANDINGS AT PHUC YEN AND HANOI GIA LAM AFLDS. D. AOB THIS AFLD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH NINE MIG 17 ACFT. 3. KEP: ONLY TWO MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AFLD, WHILE A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 28 MIG SORTIES WERE FLOWN. ALL ACTIVITY FROM THIS AFLD INVOLVED KORCOM PILOTS MIG 17S CONDUCTING DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN

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REACTION TO USAF OR USN STRIKE ACFT DURING DAY LIGHT HOURS. A. BETWEEN 0824Z AND 0855Z 12 OCT, FOUR KEP BASED KORCOM PILOTS MIG 17S PERFORMED A DEFENSIVE PATROL IN REACTION TO USAF STRIKE ACFT WHICH WERE TARGETED AGAINST KEP AFLD. DUE TO EXTENSIVE BOMB DAMAGE INFLECTED ON THE AFLD, THE KORCOM PILOTS RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN KEP AND PHUC YEN KORCOM GROUND CONTROLLERS INDICATED THAT KEP AFLD WAS PROBABLY UNSERVICEABLE AND THAT THE KORCOM MIG 17 PILOTS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT DEFENSIVE PATROLS FROM PHUC YEN COVERING THE AREA BETWEEN KEP AND PHUC YEN AFLD. ALSO NOTED IN GROUND COMMUNICATIONS, WERE REFERENCES TO THE CONTINGENT OF KORCOM MIG 21 ASSOCIATED PILOTS, LAST NOTED ACTIVE ON 01 AUG. THE KEP AFLD CONTROLLER ADVISED THE PHUC YEN AFLD CONTROLLER THAT THESE PILOTS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FLY MIG 21S. THE PHUC YEN CTLR REPLIED THAT THEY WERE PREPARED. HOWEVER, THESE PILOTS WERE NOT OBSERVED ACTIVE IN LATER ACTIVITY. B. AOB WITH THE RETURN OF THE FOUR KORCOM PILOTS MIG 17S TO PHUC YEN, AND EXTENSIVE BOMB DAMAGE INFLECTED ON KEP AFLD, THIS AFLD IS NOT CREDITED WITH ANY SERVICEABLE ACFT. 4. SINCE 01 AUGUST, A REVERSAL OF TRENDS PERTAINING TO US ACFT LOSSES AS OPPOSED TO DRV LOSSES DUE TO AIR TO AIR COMBAT HAS BECOME EVIDENT. THE FOLLOWING IS A CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF US AND DRV ACFT LOSSES AND DAMAGE FROM 01 AUGUST TO DATE: IN 18 AG - TWO MIG 21S SHOT DOWN BY TWO USN F4D TARCAP, 23 AUG - TWO F4DS (FORD 1 AND 4) SHOT DOWN BY TWO MIG 21S. ONE MIG 21 SHOT DOWN BY F105 (CROSS BOW 3), 16 SEP - ONE RF105 (RESALE 1) SHOT DOWN BY F4C (SPLENDID) PROBABLY SHOT DOWN BY MIG 17, 03 OCT - ONE F4D RECCE ESCORT (SPITFIRE 1)-92, BY MIG 17, 05 OCT - TWO USN A4B/CS DAMAGED BY MIG 17S, ONE MIG 17 DAMAGED BY A4B/CS (NOT CONFIRMED BY US), 07 OCT - ONE F105 (WARHAWK 1) SHOT DOWN BY MIG 21, ONE F4C DAMAGED BY MIG 21, ONE MIG 21 DAMAGED BY TWO F4CS (VESPA 3 AND 4), 09 OCT - 899 NNNN

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17 Sep - prob. same as 16 Sep  
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